

**Amendments**

**In the Specification:**

At page 48, line 30, please insert the following new paragraph:

--The active electrode may comprise a wire having a diameter in the range of from about 0.002" to about 0.020", and in some embodiments, from about 0.002" to about 0.008". The wire can comprise an alloy of platinum and iridium. Additionally, the proximal active electrode lead portion can comprise at least 50% molybdenum.--